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It is not what you make,  
 It is not what you spend;  
 It is what you save  
 That counts in the end.  
 —Anonymous.

## His Record Alone Is Enough

There are many democrats in Arizona, honest and reasonable enough to concede that the Democratic candidates will not have a walk away at the coming election. They concede that some of the Republican candidates will probably be elected. Nearly all of such Democrats concede the election of Ernest Hall as secretary of state.

They base their concession chiefly on the weak position of his opponent, Mr. Ross, who has not only been entangled in the land department issue as a supporter of the present policies of the department now under fire, but whose very title as a candidate is clouded by the alleged frauds in Yavapai, Graham and other counties, said to have been instigated by the large cattlemen and land grabbers. That is, it is admitted that the weakness of Mr. Ross is the strength of Mr. Hall.

While no doubt these circumstances have greatly increased the chances of Mr. Hall, we believe that his greatest strength lies in himself and his record. Everybody knows Ernest Hall, who has been a resident of Arizona for a quarter of a century. They know him as a modern farmer and fruit grower, as a practical miner, a worker himself and an employer. They know him to be possessed of business qualifications and they know of the energy and good judgment he displayed as a member of the state senate from this county in the legislature of 1917.

Within a few days after this country entered the world war, and before the close of the legislative session, Senator Hall offered his resignation that he might enlist in the service of his country. There was nothing spectacular about the performance. It had not been heralded. One afternoon just before the hour of adjournment he rose at his desk and quietly announced that he had tendered his resignation. He had already enlisted in the engineers' corps as a private. His influence might have secured for him a commission in some other branch of the service but he asked for none. He was joining a contingent of "dough boys" recruited from all parts of the country to work in France which only men who had had actual experience in that kind of work could perform. Within a few weeks he was in France where he remained until after the signing of the armistice.

Mr. Hall had many reasons which others would have seized upon as plausible pretexts for remaining in security at home. He was married and he had a variety of business interests which claimed his attention. But he left for a service which meant hard work, peril and slight prospect of promotion to rank.

A man with such a record surely would be a formidable opponent of even a strong candidate.

## What the President Heard

President Wilson should not have been disturbed by the quoted remarks of Senator Harding that the latter had been approached informally by a representative of the French government, suggesting, in effect a new association of nations in which the United States should take the lead. Such a negotiation would mean nothing less than the complete repudiation by the French government of what the president had hoped would be the crowning work of his life.

Senator Harding has made prompt reply that the president has been misinformed; that there had only been suggested to him resumably by Frenchmen, of an understanding other than the Wilson League of Nations which they believed would be acceptable to the French people. It was merely a private view expressed to a private American citizen of the probable attitude of private French citizens.

Mr. Wilson should have held a higher opinion of the French government's sense of propriety than to descend to an inquiry for a confirmation of a report so palpably absurd. Moreover, if true, there was nothing in it that could have affected the fate of Mr. Wilson's covenant. That is already disposed of as certainly as if the votes which will be cast on November 2 in the "solemn referendum" had already been counted. Only the personal vanity of Mr. Wilson could have been injured if the French government had so informally addressed Senator Harding.

Mr. Wilson, though, had been led by the Viscount Grey incident to believe that any impropriety by our late "associates" might be expected. Concerning that incident, there is no dispute, and no doubt, it strengthened the opposition in the senate, and the sentiment in the country against the covenant in its original form. Nor was it tainted by impropriety. Viscount Grey had been for a brief period following the war British ambassador to this country. During his residence in Washington, covering the early period of the senate debate on the peace treaty, he became convinced that the covenant could not be adopted without sweeping and, in some cases, nullifying reservations. When he formed this belief and began trying to present it to Mr. Wilson, we do not know. But it is certain that he tried in vain to see the president soon after the return of the latter from his western trip in September, 1919. At length Lord Grey went home and soon thereafter he issued a statement in the London Times that the Lodge reservations would be acceptable to the British government. It was afterward made known that what was what he had been trying to tell the president. So far as we know Viscount Grey had preserved the proprieties by not conferring with any of

the opposing senators. The statement of the viscount in the Times produced no outbreak in England. It was followed by a hint that it had the endorsement of Lloyd George. There was, we believe some deprecatory statement by Lord Robert Cecil who with General Smuts was a collaborator with Mr. Wilson in the construction of the covenant. Also, about that time it was hinted from France that the government of that country was at least indifferent to the Lodge reservations as it was known the French delegates at Versailles were indifferent to the covenant itself and were moved to endorse it at all, only on the condition of the negotiation of the Anglo-French and the Franco-American treaties.

But however apathetic or even hostile the French government may have been to the covenant, it could not have been expected that it would give such an affront to the president as its negotiation with Senator Harding for the displacement of the covenant would have offered. The president himself has offered an affront to the Millerand government by questioning its sense of propriety.

## A Meritorious Measure

Among the bills which will be submitted to the people at the coming election is a referendum by the legislature which is so excellent that no argument has been offered against it. The referendum was ordered by the legislature. The bill will be designated on the ballot as "No. 306." It proposes to amend the law creating the board of pardons and paroles and prescribing the procedure for granting pardons, paroles and commutations. All the features to improve the present law are good but the more important provide for greater publicity regarding applications and the granting of paroles, pardons and commutations, and for the better constitution of the board of pardons and paroles.

In the case of a "recidivist" that is, one more than once convicted of a felony, a pardon or parole may not be granted without the consent of a majority of the members of the supreme court. At the beginning of the session of a legislature the governor must submit a list of commutations, pardons and paroles granted with all facts concerning each.

When an application is made, the governor must send a copy of it to the superior court and the county attorney in which the applicant was convicted. If the applicant was convicted of homicide or rape a copy of the application or an explicit notice of it must be published for twenty days in a newspaper of general circulation in the county in which the applicant was convicted. The bill also provides a sufficient time within which protests against the commutation, parole or pardon may be made. Other restrictions are thrown about the exercise of clemency by the governor and the board.

Under this law the board would be composed of three members, one to be appointed by the governor, one by the chief justice of the supreme court and one, by the president of the senate.

Such a law would work well in two important respects. It would tend to prevent an abuse of the pardoning power and at the same time, would relieve the pardoning power of uninformed and unjust criticism. It frequently happens that a convict has been pardoned and paroled for a good cause of which the public knows nothing and of which it can know nothing. Weeks or months afterward it is learned that the convict has been released and there is a suspicion that it has been done surreptitiously when as a matter of fact there is no provision under the law for giving publicity to the causes for which the pardon or parole was granted or even the fact that it was granted. It is also often rumored that a notorious criminal has been turned out of prison when he has not been and when his release is not contemplated.

The publicity promised in this act would forestall such rumors as well as misunderstandings of good reasons why clemency is exercised.

## REAL LITERATURE

What has become of the old-fashioned boy who liked his literature raw? Who read his Captain Coller behind the dog-eared geography because it was the biggest book in school? Who knew his Deadwood Dick almost by heart and was ready to swap a dime novel anytime for a couple of half-dime books?

What's become of him? He's president of the big railway company; the chief engineer of the locomotive works; the "main squeeze" of the great firm of architects; he's the head of the soundest legal firm in town. That's what's become of him. And his son would be following in his footsteps if he had half a chance.

And what's become of the little lady of the pig-tails, who ran away to the garret or locked herself in a room and devoured whole or piecemeal "Kid-napped at the Altar," and "A Bride for a Day," and "Aleta's Terrible Secret," and "A Handsome Engineer's Filtrations," and "Was She Sweetheart or Wife," and "Della's Handsome Lover," and "Flora Garland's Courtship," and "The Loan of a Lover," and "A Working Girl's Story," and "Sold for Gold," and "Her Passionate Lover"?

What's become of her? She's the wife of the president of the big locomotive works, or of the railway president, or of the star of the local architecture. Human nature is the same now as it was then. Give 'em a chance and they'd like red-blooded stories today.

## GOODBYE PRINCE

Was there ever a town fire department, in the old days, that didn't possess a horse named Prince? Good old tobacco-chewing, sugar-hunting Prince? His days are numbered, for even the small town fire department has been, or is soon to be, "motorized," a delectable word that the villagers love to roll beneath their tongues.

The application of the gasoline engine to transportation early touched the fire department field. The big cities were quick to take advantage of the advance in fire department management. The smaller cities were slower, but they are now rounding to in form, and it will not be long until another remnant of the small boy will be eclipsed when the fire steamer races along through the grace of a matter-of-fact puffing motor, instead of through the combined efforts of the snorting, galloping fire horses.

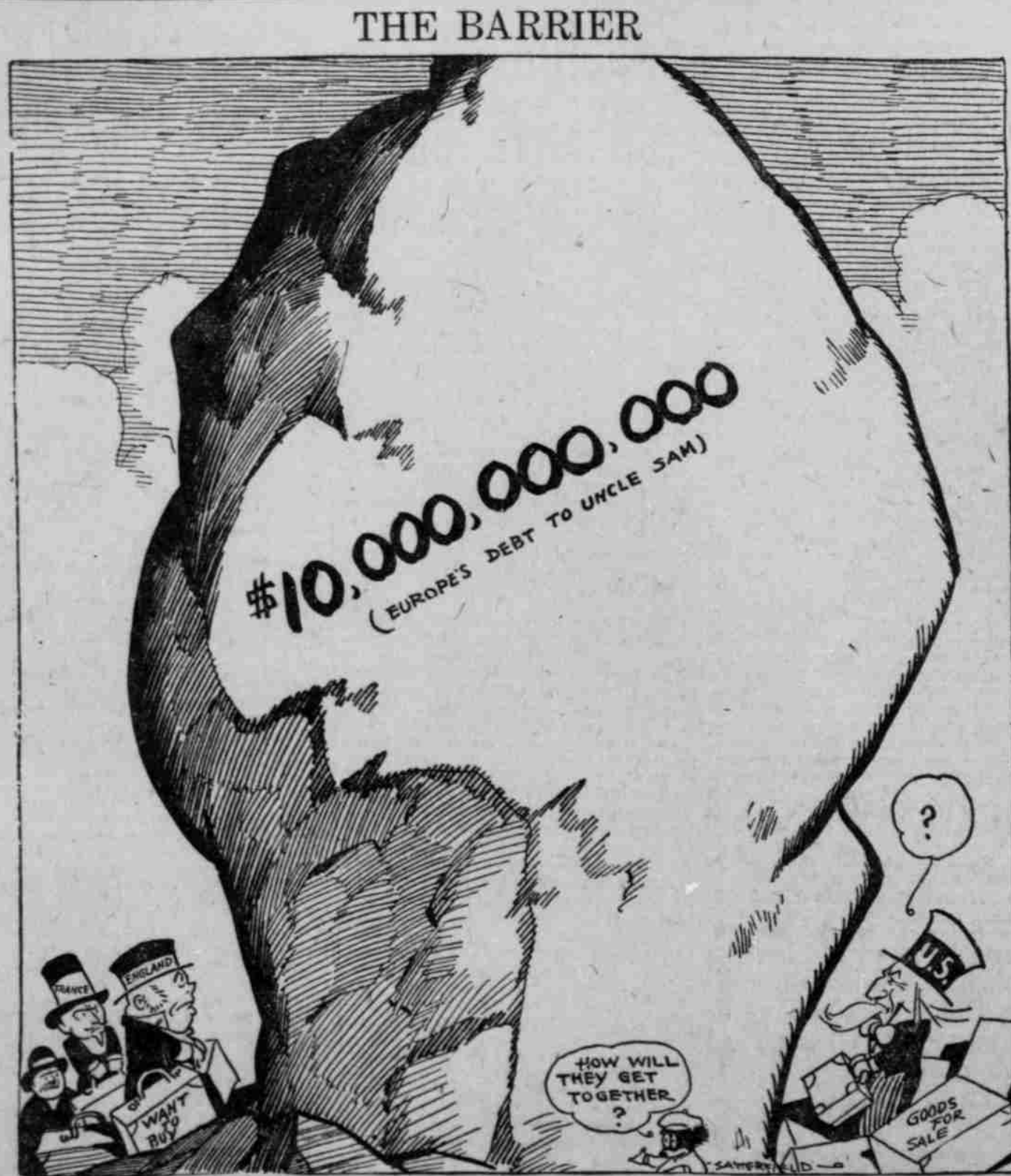
Like Dunder and Blixen, Prince and Charlie, and Duke and Tom are relegated to the rear, farmed out and pensioned off because of the spurring efficiency of 40 horses combined in six gasoline cylinders.

Romance again is dead. No more will the wild bells ring out their message of fire, for they, too, have gone or are going. No more will the matched team, or in "braggy" towns, three horses come rearing and tearing down Main street, pulling the rumbling steamer spouting fire and smoke? No more will the driver lash his charges unmercifully while they leap against the traces as if the very devil was at their heels.

The coming generation of small boys is about to lose a part of what has been their fathers' heritage, for Prince and Charlie have answered the gong for the last time. The new team is always hitched and ready to go at the press of a button. But, by gracious, it can't chew tobacco like Charlie could. And it doesn't eat sugar like Prince did.

The British cold strike coming with the first breath of winter, naturally takes precedence over the Irish question.

Even so pure an organization as the League to Enforce Peace appears to have yielded to the prevailing tendency toward questionable campaign methods.



## FORTY YEARS AGO TODAY

From the Phoenix Herald, which was absorbed by The Arizona Republican in 1899, and for a time was published as an evening edition

Wednesday, October 20, 1920  
 SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 19.—In a recent interview Secretary Sherman spoke of the Ku Klux severely and mentioned Wade Hampton's name in connection with them. To this Hampton took an exception and asked Sherman for an explanation. Sherman rather begged the question, whereupon Hampton wrote a caustic letter and yesterday sent Sherman a challenge, which Sherman received and said he would shortly answer.

The wires are down; no news tonight.  
 Local News  
 M. W. Stewart, the Republican candidate for congress, will address the citizens this evening. Go and hear him.  
 Charlie Cushman left today at noon for Tucson.

## Where the People May Have a Hearing

## REPLY TO MRS. FIKES

My Dear Mrs. Fikes:  
 My attention has been directed to an open letter, appearing in several of the newspapers in the southern part of the state, in which you discuss the action of the land board, of which I am a member, in sustaining the action of the land commissioner in refusing to grant you leases on certain state lands. I believe I am correct in my contention that your application was based on the allegation that as a homesteader you were entitled to preference under the laws of this state, relying upon that part of section 1 of house bill No. 60, passed at the regular session of the Fourth legislature of the state of Arizona, which reads as follows:

"And provided further, that any person occupying a United States homestead, lying adjoining, shall, upon application as in this act provided, have a preference right to lease such number of adjoining acres as is necessary for the personal use of such homesteader."

According to information in my possession, you are the owner in fee simple of land amounting to 2960 acres, and that land, combined with that owned by other members of the Fikes family, to-wit: Homer Fikes and Mrs. Ella Stark, aggregates a total of 3600 acres, the assessed valuation of which, as shown by the records of the assessor of Cochise county, is \$10,860.

I note that you are the owner of 700 head of cattle, assessed at \$21,600; 14 bulls, assessed at \$700; three automobiles, assessed at \$600; two mules, assessed at \$100, and other personal property amounting to \$2250. Although I have not included all the details of the personal property assessments of yourself and members of your family, I believe, for the purpose of this property items upon which you pay taxes.

Hillman and Graves were the lessees of a narrow strip of land along the Mexican boundary, lying east of the San Pedro river and extending nearly to Naco. Frank Hillman, one of the members of this partnership, has a pending United States homestead application under the stockraising homestead act for land contiguous to this body of leased state land. Nearly all of the said state leases expired June

Dave Balaz has returned from Yuma. Neri Osborn is assisting in the recorder's office.

Frank Kirkland, the next county recorder, leaves today for Vulture and Wilkenburg, a section he will carry solid.

Hon. C. A. Luke is making a good fight for the legislature, a place he is sure to reach and do our county a great deal of good.

President Hayes and party will arrive in Maricopa on Sunday morning and stay a few moments, after which they will go direct to Washington via Tucson and New Mexico. A party of Proemicians will no doubt meet the president.

The Mexican charged with horse stealing and sentenced to Yuma for one year is having his terms riveted on this morning by Johnny Lutsdering.

30 last, the total acreage of sold expired leases being 2913.65 acres, all being in township 24 south, range 23 east. Hillman and Graves applied for renewal leases for this acreage during the statutory period therefor, and you applied to lease the same.

The law gives preference right of renewal to such prior lessees. As I have before stated, your application to lease the lands formerly held by Hillman and Graves was based upon your residence on a homestead. This homestead was patented to you by the United States on December 4, 1903, and has been privately owned real estate for nearly 17 years. I cannot agree with you, contention, and I do not believe by any stretch of the law that it would be so determined that you are now occupying a United States homestead. It is true that your real estate holdings adjoin the state lands in controversy for a distance of one-quarter of a mile. In the immediate locality you also own more than 2000 acres of patented land and yourself and members of your family hold approximately 2600 acres of state land under lease.

You will doubtless recall that you appeared in person, and also were represented by the law firm of Ballard & Jacobs, before a full meeting of the state land department, and were allowed to present your case on its alleged equities. The case was heard by the department, not so much as to the legal questions involved, but rather from the standpoint of equities. Upon such hearing, the department, by a unanimous vote of its five members, ordered that renewal leases be issued to Hillman and Graves. In other words, I believe I am correctly stating the decision of the department when I say that the conclusion of its members was that Mr. Hillman was in reality the homesteader and not yourself. Granting, for the sake of argument, that you are occupying a United States homestead, before a full meeting of the state land department, and were allowed to present your case on its alleged equities. 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